

plurality of positions, each position of the first plurality of positions having assigned thereto a corresponding one of the second plurality of positions as the target position; and a network having n inputs and m outputs, n being a number of the first plurality of positions and m being a number of the stator windings, wherein:

each one of the stator windings is connected to one of the m outputs, and the network distributes to the stator windings a current applied at one of the n inputs in order to set one of the first plurality of positions that is assigned to a respective one of the n inputs.

24. (New) The rotary switch according to claim 13, wherein:
the rotary switch is an "R"-type waveguide switch.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1 to 13, without prejudice, and cancels substitute claims 1-12, without prejudice, in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/03468. The Preliminary Amendment also adds new claims 13-24. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are to conform the Specification and Abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3)(iii) and § 1.125(b)(2), a Marked Up Version Of The Substitute Specification comparing the Specification of record and the Substitute Specification also accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) are respectfully requested.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/03468 includes an International Search Report, dated March 31, 2000, and an International Preliminary Examination Report, dated March 8, 2001, copies of which are submitted herewith.

Applicant asserts that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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